

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
SUPPORTING THE SITING OF THE NEW KC-46A AIRCRAFT AT JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-
LAKEHURST AND URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE TO CONSIDER THE JOINT
AND TOTAL FORCE CAPABILITIES OF JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST IN ITS
SELECTION.**

WHEREAS, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst covers 42,000 acres in Ocean and Burlington Counties, is the only Tri-Service Joint Base in the Nation, the second largest employer in the State of New Jersey and generates a \$6.9 Billion economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Base supports 80 plus mission partners and is a critical asset for the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Guard and Reserves; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Joint Base in 2009 resulted in increased coordination and collaboration between military services and achieved greater efficiencies as desired by the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, Air Mobility refueling is a major mission at the Joint Base which is home to KC-10 and KC-135 tanker aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the current fleet is aging and must be replaced with the new KC-46A tanker; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst has superior facilities and capabilities for continued air mobility missions using the KC-46A tanker aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst was one of the eleven installations Nationwide that are being evaluated by the Department of the Air Force for the siting of KC-46A aircraft; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2016 the Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted a resolution supporting the Joint Base's efforts to secure the KC-46A tankers; and

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force is in the final stages of selecting the *Main Operating Base 4* for the new KC-46A and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is a top five finalist; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Ocean Committee of the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that it:

1. It fully supports the siting of the new KC-46A aircraft at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.
2. It urges the Department of the Air Force to consider all aspects of the Joint and Total Force capabilities of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in making its selection, including its advantageous location for trans-Atlantic operations.
3. Certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to Governor Chris Christie; New Jersey's 12 Congressional District Officers; New Jersey's 40 Legislative District Offices; Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders; the Mayors of the Ocean County Municipalities; New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force and the New Jersey Defense Enhancement Coalition.

CERTIFICATION

I, Diane Ambrosio, Clerk of the Township of Ocean, in the County of Ocean and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at its Regular Business Meeting held on the 11th day of August 2016.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk